

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 8, 2010
POSITION: Oppose

BILL NUMBER: AB 2668
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BILL SUMMARY: Corrections: Medical Facility: Telemedicine

This bill would require the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to install telemedicine fixtures and broadband infrastructure at CDCR's Medical Facility.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The installation of telemedicine fixtures as proposed in this bill appears to be inconsistent with the General Fund appropriation or the lease revenue bond authority provide in Chapter 7, Statutes of 2007 (AB 900). Telemedicine fixtures as referenced in this bill would appear to be equipment purchases which would be considered an operational cost, not a capital outlay expenditure. Telemedicine fixtures would only be compatible with a lease revenue bond appropriation if they were incorporated as a component of a larger capital outlay project.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it could create the expectation for increased General Fund expenditures, as the proposed funding source is not a viable funding mechanism for the installation of telemedicine fixtures. While the installation of broadband infrastructure is compatible with the AB 900 General Fund appropriation, we would note that CDCR has already undertaken projects such as the Consolidated Information Technology Infrastructure Project, which significantly expands CDCR's information technology infrastructure. Furthermore, this bill is unnecessary as the Federal Receiver appointed to oversee the provision of medical care for CDCR inmates is currently expanding telemedicine capacity within CDCR institutions.

Existing law, the Public Safety and Offender Rehabilitation Services Act of 2007, provided \$300 million General Fund to expand infrastructure capacity at existing prison facilities and lease revenue bond authority for the CDCR to design, construct, or renovate prison facilities to provide medical, dental, and mental health treatment or housing for inmates, as specified.

This bill would require the CDCR to install telemedicine fixtures and broadband infrastructure at CDCR's Medical Facility, to the extent funds are available.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code
5225/Corr & Rehab	SO	No	-----	See Fiscal Summary				-----	0001

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